



ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

NATIONAL SITUATIONAL REPORT

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KEY POINTS

- There is a visible increase in police presence in downtown Ottawa
- Protest organizers have been shifting to private chat groups.
- As of the morning of 2022-02-17, fences are being set up in front of government buildings including Parliament Hill and the Senate.
- Media coverage is focusing on the increased presence of Ottawa Police and other Law Enforcement partners in downtown Ottawa.

MINISTERS PRESS CONFERENCE

- Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Hon. Chrystia Freeland, Minister of Public Safety, Hon. Marco Mendicino, and President of the Queen's Privy Council and Minister of Emergency Preparedness, Hon. Bill Blair held a press conference on 2022-02-17. Chrystia Freeland advised financial service providers have already taken action and the impact will grow in the coming days.¹

E DIVISION

Surrey (Pacific Highway)

- Open source is reporting another convoy departing from Vancouver, BC to Pacific Highway Border on 2022-02-19. The vehicle convoy from Prince George, BC was located in Chilliwack, BC and will move through Surrey, BC on 2022-02-17.²

H DIVISION

- According to information of unknown reliability, a convoy is being planned for 2022-02-19 behind a Home Depot (38 Solutions Drive), and a high school, believed to be Halifax West.³

J DIVISION

Arrests	0 ⁴
Active investigations	0 ⁵
Resources reallocated within Division	0 ⁶
Resources deployed outside Division	1 Deployed to National Division. ⁷

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- A potential small-scale convoy demonstration in western PEI planned for 2022-02-20.⁸
- Planning is underway for the event at Borden-Carleton for 2022-02-26. Participation from New Brunswick demonstrators is expected.⁹

NATIONAL DIVISION

- There is a visible increase in police presence in downtown Ottawa.¹⁰
- As of the morning of 2022-02-17, fences are being set up in front of government buildings including Parliament Hill and the Senate.¹¹
- There has been a reduction in heavy trucks in the downtown but an increase in pick-up trucks and personal vehicles.¹² Vehicles were moved closer together to make it harder to tow away.¹³
- Police resources continue to deliver notices to the demonstrators to vacate the downtown area.¹⁴
- Minimal presence of demonstrators are reported on Parliament Hill at this time, with about 100 reported on Wellington St.¹⁵
- Four convoys are expected in Ottawa for 2022-02-19, a small convoy from greater Sudbury/North Bay (date unknown), "Alberta Freedom Convoy 2022", 3 chartered buses from Toronto, and a convoy from St. Jerome, QC.^{16 17}
- Media coverage is focusing on the increased presence of Ottawa Police and other Law Enforcement partners in downtown Ottawa.¹⁸

O DIVISION

- The semi-truck and trailer stolen on 2022-2-13 in Peterborough, ON was recovered on 2022-02-15. Police identified 13 firearms are missing.¹⁹

Cornwall

- Social media is suggesting the Gananoque/Cornwall as a suitable alternative location for demonstrators leaving Ottawa.²⁰

Windsor (Ambassador Bridge)

- Some Windsor blockade supporters appears to be working on organizing new protests. However, none of the new protests identified at this point appear to be targeting the Ambassador Bridge.²¹
- An event is planned for 2022-02-19 at 1400hrs at the Great Canada Flag at the Windsor Riverfront. This event may be larger in attendance than previous rallies.²² Social media is reporting another possible protest at 9733 Tecumseh Rd. The date and time are unknown at this time. The organizers appear to have shifted to private messages and forums, posing a challenge for passive observation.²³

Milton

- Demonstrators convened at RCMP Toronto West Detachment for 35 minutes with small Canada flags, party horns, and a cross encouraging truck drivers to honk as they pass. They indicated that they support the police, but are against the Government's vaccine mandate and the Emergencies Act.²⁴

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Niagara Region

- There is little discussion of planned activity at any of the POEs in Niagara. A few social media posts mention residents leaving the Niagara area to join protestors in Ottawa for this weekend, but they do not mention any concrete plans or suggest being organized in any manner.²⁵

Nipigon River Bridge

- Potential convoys and demonstrations are being planned at the Bridge for 2022-02-26.²⁶

Thunder Bay

- Demonstrations may occur in the near future at border crossing(s) in the area.²⁷ Details are unknown at this time.

Toronto

- Demonstrators from "The Line Canada" are calling for individuals that oppose vaccinations to attend their demonstration on 2022-02-19. Conversely, a counter event, entitled "KKKonvoyGoHome", is planning on attending.²⁸

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¹ FW: Transcript - News conference featuring Ministers Freeland, Mendicino and Blair - 2022-02-17 - 11:15 EST, 2022-02-17

² Situation Report - "E" Division Freedom Convoy SIT REP 25 2022-02-17 AM

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⁴ FW: JIG Reporting - L Division - 2022-02-17, 2022-02-17

⁵ FW: JIG Reporting - L Division - 2022-02-17, 2022-02-17

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¹⁰ [Police increase presence in downtown Ottawa as occupation nears 4th weekend | CBC News](#), 2022-02-17

¹¹ 00009-22 - Key Points on Impacts to Critical Infrastructure, Demonstrations Across Canada - 17 Feb 2022 12:00 EST

¹² 00009-22 - Key Points on Impacts to Critical Infrastructure, Demonstrations Across Canada - 17 Feb 2022 12:00 EST

¹³ PIU CIG Update 170, 2022-02-17

¹⁴ 00009-22 - Key Points on Impacts to Critical Infrastructure, Demonstrations Across Canada - 17 Feb 2022 12:00 EST

¹⁵ PIU CIG Update 169, 2022-02-17

¹⁶ Situation Report - "O" Division - Freedom Convoy 2022, 2022-02-17

¹⁷ FW: Sit Rep #151: Freedom Convoy 2022- National Capital Region 2022-01-28 to 2022-02-17, 2022-02-17

¹⁸ FW: Sit Rep #151: Freedom Convoy 2022- National Capital Region 2022-01-28 to 2022-02-17, 2022-02-17

¹⁹ Sit Rep #149: Freedom Convoy 2022- National Capital Region 2022-01-28 to 2022-02-17

²⁰ O Division Open Source Ports of Entry (POE) Report - Border Integrity Analytical Report, 2022-02-17 9h47



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²⁵ O Division Open Source Ports of Entry (POE) Report - Border Integrity Analytical Report, 2022-02-17
²⁶ Situation Report - "O" Division - Freedom Convoy 2022, 2022-02-17
²⁷ Situation Report - "O" Division - Freedom Convoy 2022, 2022-02-17
²⁸ Situation Report - "O" Division - Freedom Convoy 2022, 2022-02-17

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